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*********************** To Dismiss Missouri's Claim.

Attorneys in the department of justice on behalf of the government have filed a motion in the court of claims to dismiss the suit filed by the state of Missouri to recover about \$2,500,-000 alleged to be due citizens of that state on war claims. The government bases its motion on the ground that the court of claims has no jurisdiction to try the case under the law which Senator Warner had passed last winter. It is asserted that the court of claims, under the general law, eannot pass upon a claim until congress has passed a law fixing responsibility on the government. All the Warner bill did was to refer the whole thing to the court of claims to determine whether the government was liable. If the motion is sustained Senator Warner will push another bill through this winter curing the defece.

The Anderson Raid Recalled.

E. Rosenberger, one of the oldest citizens of Montgomery county, recently celebrated the 43d anniversary of an event which he tells of as follows: "Bill Anderson, with 36 of his desperadoes, came to High Hill 43 years ago this week. They called at my house and said if I did not let them in they would smash the door down. I knew they would do it, and it did not take me long to decide to open the door. Without giving me chance to dress, after taking my money and gun, they marched me up town, where eight of them horsewhipped me with whips they got from my own harness shop. While they were pouring the lashes upon me. Bill Anderson himself galloped up and said: "Throw down your whips, you rascals. If you want to kill a man shoot him, don't whip him."

Missouri Awards at Jamestown.

Besides individual awards to Missourian exhibitions at the Jamestown exposition, the state of Missouri was awarded a gold medal for the finest collective exhibit of agricultural products; a gold medal for finest collective exhibits of corn; awarded silver medal for finest collective exhibit of wheat; also silver medals for finest collective exhibit of oats, finest collective exhibit illustrative of the live stock industry; a bronze medal on middling cotton and on alfalfa.

Will be a Health Resort.

A company is being organized at Centerville to purchase and operate on a large scale the mineral springs near Lineville. It is the plan of the promoters, after acquiring the springs and hotel, which are located upon a 55 acre tract of land, to conduct the place with a number of competent physicians in charge. They are also planning to erect an evaporating producing chrystals from the water.

Champion Boy's Band. Auxvasse, in Callaway county, boasts of the boys' cornet band. The leader, Paris Harwood Bartley, is not yet 14 years of age, and some of the members are not over ten years. "If there is a younger band in the state we would like to know where it is,' says the Auxvasse Review. This band was one of the attractions at the corn show in Auxvasse and made good music. It is made up of nine boys and two girls.

Hen Swallowed a Diamond.

Another evidence that rich food is not conducive to longevity is the fact that a good many chickens in Chillicothe will die because one of their number ate a diamond. A little girl got hold of her mother's ring and was showing it to her pet chickens when one inquisitive Biddy nipped the set. The mother did not learn of this until several days later, after a number of the chickens had been sold.

A Remarkable Dream.

A young farmer who lives near Brownington dreamed that his dog had been caught in a steel trap down near the river at a spot half a mile from the house. He says the path to the place was shown to him in his dream, and the identical tree to the protruding root of which the trap was fastened, in the jaws of which the dog's leg was caught. He says in his dream he saw the whole occurrence; saw the dog step into the trap; saw its futile struggles for release. In the morning, so he says, he and his father went to the spot, which the latter had seen in his dream. The dog was there and one of its legs was held tightly by the jaws of the steel trap.

Reform in Linn County.

At the close of the present year the county court of Linn county will abandon the system of letting out the care of the poor to the lowest bidder. It will employ a superintendent of the infirmary, paying him a salary and the county will furnish all supplies. It is surely up to Linn county to re

Just His Luck. "Well, old fellow, I hear that your

aunt is dead." "Yes, she died yesterday," replied

the old fellow somewhat sadly. "It is the way of the world. We must all die some time, and the old lady was well advanced in years. She left a last will and testament, of course?

I understood she was wealthy." "Oh, yes, she left a will and testament," still more sadly.

"You were always a favorite of hers. Your name was mentioned, of course?" "Yes," he replied, "my name was mentioned. I'm to have the Testa-

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